GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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HONEY PRODUCTION IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are giving any Central Assistance to Bihar for the development of agriculture in the State for enhancement of honey production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of incentives proposed to be given for the production of honey in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture- Supplementation/Complementation of States` Efforts through Work Plan, the Government isproviding assistance to the State Governments and State Designated Agencies (SDA) for various programmes including development of bee-keeping. An amount of Rs.54.35 lakhs was allocated to the Bihar Khadi and Village Industries Board during 2001-02 for this purpose.

(c): Incentives are being provided for activities like production of honey bee colonies through bee breeders, supply of honey bee colonies, supply of hives and bee-keeping equipments, organizing training programmes and for organizing promotional activities like honey festivals. Besides, the Khadi & Village Industries Commissions through its Rural Employment GenerationProgramme (REGP) also provides, interalia, financial assistance in the form of margin money to village industry project including bee-keeping unit.